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SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MARKS-UP FY04 LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) AND EDUCATION BILL

HOUSE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE MAKES NO CHANGES TO FY 04 OAA LEVELS APPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Both chambers were active today on FY 04 appropriations affecting the Older Americans Act and other aging related programs. Earlier today the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education approved a Fiscal Year 2004 (FY 04) spending bill. The House Appropriations Committee took up their version of the bill approved by the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee last week (See Legislative Update 6.20).

With the exception of the Congregate Meal program (Title III C1) which received a slight increase and the Alzheimer's Initiative which received a slight decrease, the bill approved by the Senate subcommittee sets appropriation levels for Older Americans Act programs at the current year (FY 03) spending level.

The Subcommittee included the Administration's request of \$2.84 million for a White House Conference on Aging that will be convened in 2005. The Subcommittee also shifted funding for the National Ombudsman Resource Center, the National Center on Elder Abuse, and the Medicare Waste Patrol program from Title IV to the Aging Network Support program.

The Senate Subcommittee funded the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at the same levels as the House for FY 04, \$1.7 billion and \$2 billion, respectively.

No changes were made during the Committee mark-up to the subcommittee approved levels for the Older Americans Act programs. The full Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to mark-up the bill tomorrow. It is unlikely that any of the OAA appropriations will be altered from the subcommittee-approved levels.

Attached is a comparison chart which details current funding levels, the Administration's requested levels of funding for FY 04, the Senate Subcommittee-passed FY 04 levels, and the House Committee FY 04-passed levels for Older Americans Act programs and other programs of benefit to older adults.

Current status of FY 2004 Appropriations
June 25, 2003
(dollars in thousands)

| Older Americans Act | Enacted FY 03 | Adminstration Proposed FY 04 | Senate* | House** |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>Title III</i> | | | | |
| Supportive Services and Centers | \$355,673 | \$357,000 | \$355,673 | \$357,000 |
| Congregate Meals | 384,592 | 390,000 | 387,292 | 390,000 |
| Home Delivered Meals | 180,985 | 178,500 | 180,985 | 180,985 |
| Nutrition Services Incentive Program | 148,697 | 149,670 | 148,697 | 149,670 |
| Preventive Health | 21,919 | 21,562 | 21,919 | 21,919 |
| Family Caregivers | 149,025 | 136,000 | 149,025 | 162,000 |
| Native American Caregivers | 6,209 | 5,500 | 6,209 | 6,500 |
| <i>Title IV</i> | | | | |
| Aging Research and Training | 40,258 | 27,837 | 17,843 | 30,837 |
| <i>Title VI</i> | | | | |
| Grants to Indians | 27,495 | 25,729 | 27,495 | 25,729 |
| <i>Title VII</i> | | | | |
| Ombudsman/Elder Abuse | 18,559 | 17,681 | 18,559 | 18,559 |
| | | | | |
| Aging Network Support (Pension Counseling/Eldercare Locator) | 2,364 | 2,379 | 13,737^ | 2,379 |
| | | | | |
| Alzheimer's Initiative | 13,412 | 11,500 | 12,412 | 11,500 |
| Program Administration | 17,869 | 17,501 | 17,869 | 17,501 |
| White House Conference on Aging | | 2,842 | 2,842 | 2,842 |
| Total: AoA Programs | \$1,367,057 | \$1,343,701 | \$1,360,557 | 1,377,421 |
| | | | | |
| <i>Title V</i> Senior Employment | 442,207 | \$440,200 | \$442,306 | 440,200 |
| | | | | |
| Social Services Block Grant | 1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 | 1,700,000 |
| | | | | |
| LIHEAP | 1,700,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | 1,800,000 |

* As passed by the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Subcommittee on 6.25.03

** As passed by the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Committee on 6.25.03

^ Reflects shifted funding for the National Ombudsman Resource Center, the National Center on Elder Abuse, and the Medicare Waste Patrol program from Title IV to the Aging Network Support program

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